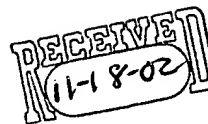


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 16, 2002, please
enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

1. (Twice Amended) A messaging system, comprising:
a memory for storing one or more messages, wherein some of said
one or more messages are threaded within others of said one or more
messages, wherein a threaded message includes at least a portion of another
message; and

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